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## GENERAL ADMINISTRATION!

The Akhbar-i-Am (Lahore), of the 10th November, states that the rules and regulations about Civil Service Examination and natives. the Civil Service Examination for 1884 have been published in official Gazettes. But the reduced limit of age for candidates being maintained, such publication of the rules and regulations is quite useless. It is idle to think that natives can compete at such an early age. The agitation lately made in England for raising the limit of age appears to have been fruitless. So long as the limit is not raised the examination cannot be considered as open to natives, who labour under great disadvantages compared with Englishmen. Can they acquire such proficiency in English as is necessary for that examination and undertake such a long journey at such an early age? Great stress has been laid on the employment of cheap native agency in conducting the administration as an economical measure, but obviously the scheme cannot be carried out unless necessary alterations are made in the rules about the Civil Service Examination, with a view of placing the examination within reach of natives. We sek for no special indulgence for our countrymen, but we only want fair play. (The Mittre Vilde (Lahore), of the

Circulation, 1,800 copies. 12th November, argues that if Government be unwilling to raise the limit of age, it should also hold the examination in India. If residence in England for a year or two be condered essential in the case of native candidates, they may be required to go there after they have passed the prescribed examination here and been selected for the Civil Service.)

Circulation,

The Hindustani (Lucknow), of the 8th November, referring to the tour of the Lieutenant-Lieutenant-Governor's tour in Oudh. Governor in Fyzabád and Bahraich in Oudh, remarks that, whatever may be the real object of his tour, it is to be hoped that he will avail himself of the opportunity to make an enquiry into the condition of the people. Above all, he should ask the ryots how, on the occasion of the arrival of the Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner in their villages on tour, they are pressed into his service, how they are made to supply everything to his camp gratis, and what maltreatment they are subjected to at the hands of the tabeil officials in case of refusal. When Mr. Dyson, the Deputy Commissioner of Sitapur, was on tour in the interior of his district last year, at one place a tabsil official caused the people to supply something to his camp gratis. As soon as he came to know this he at once punished that official. If all officers took care like him to see that everything supplied to their camps was paid for, there would be no room for complaint.

Circulation, 200 copies The Mashir-i-Qaisar (Lucknow, of the 6th November, states that the talekdars of Oudh Dinner given to Lieute nant-Governor by talus gave a dinner to the Lieutenant-dars of Oudh.

Governor on the day of the late Dewall in the Kaisarbagh. His Honor arrived in the Baradari at 9 P. M and took his seat. A few minutes after his arrival he rose from his seat and desired that fireworks should be let off. The talekdars desired to present an address to him, but he did not receive it. It may be inferred from this that he dislikes enlogy or hates natives, or at all events he is overcautions in mixing with them. As soon as

the pyrotechnic displays were over, he went to the table, took a little tea, and at once left for the Government House. The talukdars were quite surprised at his short stay. There is another thing that deserves to be noticed in connection with that entertainment. The nobility and gentry of Lucknow were not invited to attend on the occasion.

The Hinds Pradip (Allahabad), for October, states that Employment of gradu- the graduates of the North-Western ates in the public service

Provinces and Oudh submitted a mein the North-Western Promorial to the Lieutenant-Governor vinces and Oudh. about two months ago on the subject of their employment in the public service, but no answer has yet been given by His Honor. The unsatisfactory condition of graduates in these provinces is really a great stain on British rule. True, Government is not bound to make all of them subordinate judges. deputy collectors or talisildars, but there seems to be no reason why they should be excluded from every branch of the public service. Formerly they could easily obtain posts in the Educational Department, but, as their number is necessarily on the increase, that department is unable to provide employment for them. It is a constant complaint with the Director of Public Instruction and the Principals of colleges that high education is not appreciated by the people. But when the Middle Class Examination certificate is a sufficient passport for the public service, who could be so foolish as to undergo the trouble and expense of acquiring university education? In fact, high education is at a discount in these provinces and is practically a disqualification for Government employ. Many European officers do not like gra nates simply because of their independent bearing. The rapid spread of education in Bengal is chiefly due to the encouragement shown by the Bengal Government to graduates. We do not see why the North-Western Provinces Government does not freely utilize their pervices. Could it be doubted for a mement that a graduate would perform his duty more efficiently than a half educated man? Have not the few graduates, who have been lately

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appointed munsifs, acquitted themselves well? When the covenanted Civil, Military, Medical, and Engineering services are recruited by competitive examinations, why should not the same system be adopted in regard to other services? We are no partisans of any class of the community, but we advocate the appointment of well-educated and conscientious persons to offices of trust and responsibility only in the interest of Government and the public. As the people have frequent occasion to come in contact with deputy collectors, tabsildars and inspectors of police, too great care cannot be exercised in making selections for those offices. Graduates might not be flatterers, but they would undoubtedly make more efficient and popular officers.

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The same paper, referring to the rules about the admission of candidates to the public service in Rules about admission the North-Western Provinces and of candidates to the public service in the N.-W. P. Oudh, observes that the rules are highly commendable, inasmuch as they are calculated to prevent utterly incompetent persons from entering the public service. It was absolutely necessary to fix a standard of qualification. We hope the rules will be soon extended to those departments to which they already do not apply. But we regret to say that the rules have been marred by a very objectionable and unjust provision. The rules provide that a candidate for an office, in which a knowledge of English is required, should have passed the Anglo-Vernacular Middle Class or the Entrance examination, with Urde as the second language. This unnesessary and inequitable restriction as to second language has disqualified thousands of candidates, who have passed those examinations in English and Hindi, for employment under Government.

The same paper calls Lord Ripon an Akbar and praises him for the firmness exhibited by him in encountering the Apple Indian opposition to the Native Intiadiction Bill. (The same paper

also publishes a Hindi poem praising Lord Ripon for the repeal of the Press Act, the encouragement of private enterprize, and the introduction of the local self-government scheme, and praying him to pass the Ilbert Bill in order to remove the disability under which Native Magistrates labour.)

The dialogue between the Hindú widow and her female friend (see page 841 of the Selections Widow marriage. from vernacular newspapers for the week ending the 17th October, 1883) is continued in the Arya Darpan (Sháhjahánpur), for September (published in Circulation, November). The stoppage of the suttee by Lord Bentinck is condemned as a half-hearted measure. He stopped midway and really made the condition of widows more miserable than before. The remedy has proved worse than the disease. By immolating themselves on the funeral piles of their husbands, Hindú widows escaped those life-long miseries and misfortunes to which they are now exposed. When Lord Bentinck prohibited the suttee, he ought to have encouraged the re-marriage of widows. It is to be hoped that Lord Ripon will now accomplish what was left undone by Lord Bentinck. The widow's friend promises to publish a memorial, addressed to the Viceroy, in the next issue of the Arya Darpan on the subject of the encouragement of widow marriage.

440 copies.

The Naiyar-i-Azim (Morádábád), of the 5th November, states that the case of the Ahsanu-l-Once of the Aheanu-li-Akhbar of Amreha, which had been Akhbar of Amroha. pending for the last 10 months, was decided on the 2nd idem. The proprietor of that paper was sentenced to a fine of Rs. 500 and imprisonment for one month, and the editor to a fine f Ra. 100 and imprisonment for one month, instituted appeals and were released on giving security for Rs. 1,400. If journalists are sentenced to such severs punishment, they can hardly be expected to perform their duties with independence.

Circula: ion, 175 copies.

Circulation, 200 copies. A correspondent of the Mashir-i-Qaisar (Lucknow), of Police oppression, Mee. the 6th November, writing from Meerut.

rut, complains of the alleged oppression of the people by the police. The present sub-inspector is more tyrannical than even his predecessor, Asghar Khan, and gets up false cases. The worst of it is that Magistrates believe police reports as gospel truths and convict persons, sent by the police, without making careful enquiries. Constables out-do sub-inspectors in tyranny and oppression.

Circulation, 250 copies.

The Panjábí Akhbár (Lahore), of the 10th November, states that in his last Educational for industrial Need schools. Report Colonel Holroyd has also given the numbers of those boys who have left schools after passing the different prescribed examinations, but who have got no em-In reviewing the report the Lieutenant-Governor has expressed regret at this state of things, and remarked that education is not given at Government schools only with the object of qualifying boys for the public service. Instead of waiting for employment in Government offices, they would do well to follow some trade or profession. We have heard that Sir Charles Aitchison is even of opinion that industrial arts should be taught in Government schools. Indeed, it would be a great misfortune for this country if natives continued to regard the public service as the only means of acquiring wealth. Any nation that neglects its arts and industries and depends upon others for the supply of its wants is sure to be soon reduced to poverty. It behaves the native nobility and gentry to establish industrial schools in all parts of the country.

Circulation, 450 copies. A correspondent of the Rahbar-i-Hind (Lahore), of the Sale of bad grain by 8th November, states that one of the grain-dealers. chief causes of the prevalence of sickness is the use of bad grain. Grain-dealers sometimes keep grain for several years in deep holes in the ground and sell it in time of scarcity. No grain-dealer should be allowed

The proprietor of that paper

to keep grain more than two years, and all grain that becomes unfit for use should be destroyed.

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A correspondent of the Aftabi- Panjub (Lahore), of the Circulation, Holldays in Settlement 5th November, urges that, like other offices in the Panjab: public offices; Settlement offices in the Panjáb should be entirely closed on holidays. In Settlement offices only Hindus are allowed a holiday on the occasion of a Hinda festival, and when there is a Musalman festival. only Musalmans get a holiday. This arrangement is very objectionable. In the first place, as Hindus and Musalmans are abouttomed to participate in each other's festivals, one class is grieved when it is prevented from taking part in the festivals of the other. Secondly, when some hands are allowed a holiday, those who have to attend the office do little or Their attendance is merely nominal. no work on that day. In fact, they are so much grieved at having to attend the office on a holiday that they do not properly perform their duty for several days.

The Nusratu-l-Akhbar (Delhi), of the 24th October (received Circulation, 200 copies.

on the 9th November), republishes an A native chaprási accidentally shot by a Euroarticle, headed "A native again shot pean military officer at by a European," from the Hindustant Khairágarh, Allahábad. (Lucknow), of the 28th October, which was not received in this office. The following is a translation of the article :- Deer, wild boars, tigers, and other game are more largely found in Khairágarh, which is traversed by a range of the Vindhya mountains than in other parts of the Allahábád district, and the civil and military officers of the district frequently go to that place for shooting in consequence. In fact, the district officers spend the greater part of the cold weather there. In selecting, a tahsildar for that place care is always taken that he is a good horseman and capable of rendering aid to European A large portion of the chaprasis attached to sportsmen. the tahall are Bhils, whose chief duty consists in assisting European sportsmen and in procuring game every day for the tahsildar and his guests. The higher officers are privy to this, but they connive at it. The evil was at its height in the time of Mr. Robertson, late Collector of Allahábád. He. was very fond of hunting wild boars by a spear. Hundreds of cultivators, were obliged to abandon their work and to act as beaters of game. Many fields, through which the party happened to pass, were injured, and cultivators employed as beaters were often attacked and killed by wild beasts. The state of things is not so bad now, but still three or four cultivators are wounded every year by beasts of prey in assisting European sportsmen. Three days ago a military officer went to Khairagarh for shooting. The tahsildar lent him the services of some Bhil chaprasis and perhaps also one or two tabsil officials. As soon as the officer saw a deer, which was driven towards him by a chaprási, he was highly delighted and at once fired on the animal, although the chaprasi had repeatedly made a sign to him to wait and allow him to get out of the way. The bullet missed the game and struck the poor chaprasi in the leg. A native doctor, who was sent for from Meja, dressed the wound, but the chaprási is quite senseless, and there is little hope of his re-Had the officer been a native, the unfortunate incident would have at once exposed him to innumerable troubles and harassments at the hands of the police.

Circulation, 900 copies. The Victoria Paper (Siálkot), of the 7th November, is glad Supply of copies of to state that Government has ordered judgments to convicts. criminal courts to give copies of judgments to convicts in warrant cases without charging copying fees. The editor is of opinion that orders should be also issued for the grant of copies without delay, in order that prisoners may be able to institute appeals as soon after their conviction as possible.

The same paper urges that the Panjab Government should

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when the Deputy Commissioners and

other district officers go on tour, they should make enquiries at every place in order to satisfy themselves that the license tax has been properly assessed there. No pains should be spared to make the assessments proper and equitable. Every direct tax is unpopular in this country, and when it is not properly assessed, it becomes doubly so.

The Nasim-i-Agra, of the 7th November, regrets to state Administration of jus- that sometimes European officers are influenced by race feeling in dispenstice by European officers. . ing justice. It will be remembered that some time ago an officer at Agra acquitted a European convict on appeal, on the ground that there was illness in the jail at the time! But the High Court, of course, reversed his judgment and restored the sentence passed on the convict by the court of first instance. The editor then refers to two other cases which occurred at Saháranpur. In one of those cases one Munshi Aftab Husain, Irrigation Deputy Magistrate, charged a person with offering him a bribe of Rs. 35, and Munshi Rádhá Krishan, Deputy Magistrate, convicted the accused and sentenced him to punishment. But the appellate Court doubted the statement made on oath by Munshi Aftab Husain, and remitted the sentence passed on the convict by Munshi Rádhá Krishan, remarking that the convict had probably offered the sum as the cost of digging a drain, although there was no mention whatever of this in the records of the case. The editor then gives the details of the other case, in which Mr. McKeown, inspector of police, charged two sub-inspectors of police with offering him bribes. Mr. McKeown was in charge of the current duties of the District Superintendent of Police at the time. The District Magistrate convicted and punished the accused on the mere statement of Mr. McKeown. although his previous conduct had not been satisfactory and he had been transferred from Etah under suspicion of his thonestyr has your pricated and party

Circulation, 825 copies. Circulation, 150 copies. The Bhárati Vilás (Agra), of the 5th November, publishes a Hindí poem urging the substitution of Hindí in place of Urdú as the Court language.

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The Sajjankinti Sudhakar (Udaipur), of the 5th November, after pointing out that kine are very useful animals and are held in respect by Hindús, urges that Government should prohibit the slaughter of those animals.

Circulation, 350 copies. The Kavivachan Sudhá (Benares), of the 5th November, gives a brief account of the late Idriots at Bombay. and remarks that if the slaughter of kine is not put a stop to, a serious outbreak is sure to occur some day throughout the country. Hindús have long been praying for the prohibition of the evil custom, but it is to be regretted that Government has hitherto turned a deaf ear to them. (The Arya Darpan (Sháhjahánpur), for September, referring to the late Idriots at Bombay and Delhi, expresses surprise that, although such religious quarrels break out every year, Government does not prohibit the killing of kine, especially when even Maulvis have declared that the custom is not enjoined by the Muhammadan religion.)

## LOCAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Circulation, 325 copies. The Nasim-i-Agra (Extraordinary), of the 12th November, states that the suspension of trade continues at Agra. Muhammadans have opened shops for the sale of grain, &c. The military guard was withdrawn from the city on the night of the 11th idem. Muharram processions in streets are attended by no riots. Few Hindrinare to be seen in streets and thoroughfares. It is numerical that in the two or three Hindrinarringes, which took place on the 10th, the bridgerooms were not allowed to wear the bridge wreaths or crowns on their heads. It has been accertained that the officer in charge

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of the city has prohibited Hindús from having any kind of music. Beef is carried through the Phulatti and the Sevska-Bázár. In the extra of the 13th idem the editor states that Hindús have not yet re-opened their shops. No Hindú shopkeeper or spectator, except a few betel-leaf seller, was to be seen at the Karbala, where the tazias are buried, on the last day of the Muharram. The District Judge, the Magistrate and some other Englishmen, as well as Munshi Rájá Lál, Munshi Sheo Náráyan, and Lálá Chokhe Lál, took their seats in Lala Chokhe Lal's garden, which is situated on the Karbalá road, on that day. A rumour is current to the effect that one or two brickbats were thrown amidst the Muhurram processions in streets and that one or two persons were slightly hurt thereby. A quarrel ensued between two Muharram processions in the Johri bazar about precedence. About sixteen or seventeen respectable Hindu bankers of the Johri bázár and other streets were arrested by the police on the 12th November at 2 P. M., and detained at the police-station till 6 P. M. At the Lohe-ki-Mandwi, when a Hindú bridegroom, who was a mere boy and was accompanied by a number of his female relatives, went to a temple in the neighbourhood of his house on the 11th November to perform some religious ceremonies there, a gang of butchers went to the temple and removed the bridal crown or wreath from his head by force. When the outrage was reported to the police, they refused to enter it in their diary. No marriage processions were allowed, but bridegrooms were carried secretly in ekkas under the protection or rather custody of the police to the houses of the brides. Some Hindú huts situated near Nobasta or Klamganj were destroyed by fire, but the police are said to have refused to register the incident. At some places labourers were pressed into service to carry táziás. Likewise labourers were also obtained by force from the neighbouring villages for the same purpose. An ordinary meeting of the Municipal Committee was held on the 13th November, but no reference was made at the meeting to the suspension of trade! The indifferent attitude of the Committee towards the popular feeling makes us doubt whether the members are at all representatives of the people. The Nasim-i-Agra, of the 15th November, states that the suspension of trade lasted from the 8th to the 14th idem. The Tijd of the Muharram was held on the 14th idem, and Pandit Kidar Nath, Deputy Collector, Munshi Raja Lal, and the city police inspector managed the fair. On the morning of that day a false rumour was spread to the effect that an outbreak had taken place. On this a body of police horse and foot, carrying guns and drawn swords, entered the city. Mr. Finlay, Magistrate, was himself present at the city police-station during the fair. They say that he even gave a rupee as an offering to Husain. A Hindu, who was going with music to worship the Sitla on the 14th November, was deprived of his instruments of music by force on the Kacharighat road. The police refused to enter the incident in their diary. The jail was strictly guarded during the Muharrum, and on the 13th November the doors of the fort were closed. (The Agra Akhbur, of the 7th November, publishes in extenso the order issued by the Magistrate on the 2nd November about the kine fair.)

Circulation, 325 copies. The Nasim-i-Agra (Extra), of the 12th November, is Muharram at Muttra glad to state that the Kans and kine fairs, held at Muttra and Hathras during the Muharram, were attended by no riots. Hindu marriage processions also freely passed through the streets at those places.

Circulation, 175 copies. The Naiyar-i-Azim (Moradabad), of the 5th November, complains that at Moradabad Musal-Muharram at Moradabad. mans celebrate the Muharram in their houses, but no Muharram processions are allowed in streets, while Hindus have full liberty to perform their religious ceremonies. It is believed that even a Hindu marriage procession is to take place during the present Muharram. We can under-

stand the recognition of a distinction between Enropeans and natives. But we do not see how Government can be justified in distinguishing between Hindús and Muhammadans.

The Prayag Samachar (Allahábád), of the 12th November, is glad to state that the Bharat Muharram at Allahábád.

Miláp and the Kálí fairs were held with usual pomp during the late Muharram at Allahábád and went off quietly. The excellent arrangements made by Mr. Patterson, Officiating Magistrate, for the preservation of order reflect great credit on him.

The Bhárat Bhúshan (Cawnpore), for November, comRoad between Cawn- plains that the road leading from
pore and Ranjitpurwa. Cawnpore to Ranjitpurwa, Unao, via
Achalganj, is in a very bad state, and urges that it should
be metalled. The editor also complains that there are no
trees and wells on that road.

The Anjuman-i-Panjáb (Lahore), of the 10th November,
Anglo-Hindí journal adverting to the Hindustán, an Anglostarted in England. Hindí journal lately started in England by Rájá Rámpál Singh, remarks that the journal is
intended to supply a long-felt want, and hopes that it will
prove very useful in ventilating Indian grievances.

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